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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, California

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Report for the Week of Wednesday, January 15, 2020 through Monday, January 20, 2020.

WEDNESDAY

1/15/20¹

ENTRIES AND CHANGES

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was in attendance for Dark Day duties. All activities fell into the routine category.

THURSDAY

1/16/20¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

5TH - #7 **Hermia** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Vet - Sick - Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 539.36

7TH - #5 **Power Of Nine** (Tr. **Cliff DeLima**) Vet – Injured – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 1,176.12

#6 **Happy Issue** (Tr. **Steve Sherman**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ See Above

1/16/20²

TEKOS HEARING (CASE # 19BM0014)

A formal hearing was conducted for Trainer **Angelo Tekos** who was charged with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (a) (Prohibited Drug Substances) and #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). **Tekos** was the trainer of record for the horse **Papa Do Run** who tested positive for **Clenbuterol** following the running of the fifth race at the Alameda County Fair (**Pleasanton**) on June 29, 2019. **Papa Do Run** won that contest.

Present at the hearing was **Tekos**, his attorney **Brian Pitnick** and owner **Steven Dietrich**. The California Horse Racing Board was represented by staff counsel **Rob Brodnik** and investigator **Jennifer Tolman**. **Christine Niccoli** recorded the proceedings.

Testimony was taken, exhibits were entered into the record and the matter deemed submitted. The **Stewards** will consider all documents and testimony that was presented and forward a proposed decision to the members of the **Board** for their consideration.

1/16/20³

FIRST RACE – CLUBHOUSE SODA

#4 **Clubhouse Soda**, trained by **Debbie Winick**, pulled up at the 1/16 and was vanned back to the barn. Track Veterinarian **William Grantham** diagnosed the filly as having a suspensory problem in the left front leg. On Vet's list...

1/16/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	743	\$ 219,521.71
GG	272	\$ 77,540.00
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,525,523.92
TOTAL	1,015	\$ 1,822,585.63

FRIDAY

1/17/20¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

4TH Race - #3 **Tribal Impact** (Tr. **Ed Moger**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Christin – Refund \$ 373.21

8TH Race - #7 **Collusion Delusion** (Tr. **Felix Rondan**) Stewards – Re-enter – Refund \$ 235.03

1/17/20²

BAINUM HEARING (CASE #19GG0178)

An informal hearing was conducted for assistant trainer **Kelly Bainum** who was the subject of a complaint when a check she cashed with NCOTWINC last April for \$ 4,260.00 came back as N.S.F. She stated today that she could have the cash by Sunday, January 19, 2020. Mutual Manager **Doug Gooby** who filed the complaint agreed to the Sunday payment and **Bainum** was told to settle the matter by Sunday or face suspension of her license privileges.

1/17/20³

H. Q. VISTOR

Bob Ekstrom, the acting chief of licensing and enforcement for the California Horse Racing Board, stopped in to meet with the Stewards. **Bob** was seeking input on how to upgrade/streamline the interaction between the Investigators and the Stewards and will visit all racetracks in the state to further that goal.

Northern California is lucky to have an excellent group of investigators and if the other tracks mirrored our model they would be well served.

1/17/20⁴

QUIET DAY

The afternoon's eight race program was completed sans noteworthy incidents

1/17/20⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,184	\$ 398,887.14
GG	498	\$ 192,376.60
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,521,283.26
TOTAL	1,682	\$ 2,112,547.00

SATURDAY

1/18/20¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Hugo Herrera** was in to review yesterday's eighth race where he shifted out in the stretch and put a rival on heels. That rival came back on to win the race, so an inquiry was not warranted. Today **Herrera** acknowledged he moved out for racing room because he had a live horse underneath him. Although the placings weren't affected **Herrera** still caused interference and the following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 23

Jockey **Hugo Herrera** who rode **Gallant Warren** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, January 17, 2020 is suspended three (3) racing days January 25, 26, and 30, 2020 for altering course without enough clearance in the stretch and causing interference.

A violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

1/18/20²

JACKSON HEARING

An informal hearing was held for trainer **Ellen Jackson** after the horse **Casino Games** showed the presence of **Methylprednisolone** [Class 4] in a post-race blood sample on November 11, 2019. **Ellen** could not explain the test results as she does not use or possess the substance. She understood though, as the trainer, she is held accountable. Disposition to follow...

1/18/20³

EARLY DECLARATIONS

5TH Race: #2 **Katzumoto** (Tr. **Pablo De Jesus**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Christin – Refund \$ 59.44

8TH Race: #6 **Friend of Autism** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Christin – Refund \$ 311.30

1/18/20⁴

CLAIM DISPUTE

Trainer **Isidro Tamayo** came in this morning questioning the Stewards' decision to void a claim he deposited last Sunday, January 12. **Tamayo** dropped a claim for the horse **Fabozzi** in the fifth race and the claim was subsequently voided for lack of signatures. Today he showed us a copy of the claim blank which he obtained from the Paymasters office which showed the necessary signatures. **Tamayo** was told we would investigate the matter and would contact him when we had more information. To be continued...

1/18/20⁵

IN THE CLEAR

The afternoon's nine race program was completed in a problem free manner.

1/18/20⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,963	\$ 798,722.91
GG	845	\$ 306,637.60
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,226,150.10
TOTAL	2,808	\$ 2,331,510.61

SUNDAY

1/19/20¹

JACKSON RULING (Refer 1-18-2020²)

Ruling #24

Trainer **Ellen L. Jackson** who started the horse **Casino Games**, winner of the third race at Golden Gate Fields on November 11, 2019 is fined the sum of Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00)*, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances-**Methylprednisolone** [Class 4]).

The above ruling was published following yesterday's informal hearing.

1/19/20²

STEWARDS INQUIRY – SIXTH RACE – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards lit the inquiry lamp to evaluate the stretch run of the place horse, #3 **El Centenario**, ridden by **Luis Reyes** and the fifth placed horse, #2 **Runkerry**, with **Silvio Amador** in the irons. After a thorough review the Stewards disqualified **El Centenario** from second and placed him fifth behind **Runkerry**.

Tapes showed that **El Centenario** drifted in at the 3/16 and made slight contact with **Runkerry**. **Reyes** then steered his mount out and a few strides later allowed his mount to drift in again and take **Runkerry's** path. The Stewards concluded that **Runkerry** was cost the opportunity at a better placing and effectuated the disqualification. **Reyes** will view the tapes of the race with the Stewards tomorrow.

Original Order of Finish 5-(3)-7-4-2-6-1.

Official Order of Finish 5-7-4-2-(3)-6-1.

1/19/20³**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	1,369	\$ 485,196.17
GG	1,516	\$ 273,259.96
OUT of STATE	n/a	\$ 1,734,033.67
TOTAL	2,885	\$ 2,492,489.80

MONDAY1/20/20¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Luis Reyes** came in to review yesterday's sixth race where his mount was disqualified for causing interference. Today **Reyes** acknowledged his mount surprised him when it drifted in down the lane and took a rival's path. Today's review centered on what actions **Reyes** took to prevent the interference and when the tapes didn't demonstrate **Reyes** taking any corrective measures, the following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 25

Jockey **Luis Reyes** who rode **El Centenario** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, January 19, 2020 is suspended five (5) racing days January 30, 31 and February 1, 2 and 6, 2020 for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to fifth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding-second offense in the last sixty days).

1/20/20²**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3RD Race: #1 **Lis La Victoire** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) Vet – Unsound – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 251.50

5TH Race: #2 **Lucky Sara** (Tr. **Debbie Winick**) Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 286.54

6TH Race: #6 **Dreaming About You** (Tr. **D. Markle**) Vet – Sick - Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 338.83

7TH Race: #2 **Neptune's Spear** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Vet – Unsound – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 412.96

1/20/20³**WELL RUN**

The afternoon's seven race program was completed without an incident worthy of note.

1/20/20⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	1,121	\$ 406,503.47
GG	609	\$180,570.30
OUT of STATE	n/a	\$ 895,312.66
TOTAL	1,730	\$ 1,482,386.43

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
16-Jan.	5	7	Hermia	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 539.36
16-Jan.	7	5	Power Of Nine	C. DeLima	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 1,176.12
16-Jan.	7	6	Happy Issue	S. Sherman	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ See Above
17-Jan.	4	3	Tribal Impact	Ed Moger	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ 373.21
18-Jan.	5	2	Katzumoto	P. De Jesus	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ 59.44
18-Jan.	8	6	Friend of Autism	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ 311.30
20-Jan.	3	1	Lis La Victoire	J. Ramos	Unsound	Dr. Sporer	\$ 251.50
20-Jan.	5	2	Lucky Sara	D. Winick	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 286.54
20-Jan.	6	6	Dreaming About You	D. Markle	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 338.83
20-Jan.	7	2	Neptune's Spear	C. DeLima	Unsound	Dr. Sporer	\$ 412.96

SUMMARY

	Thurs 1/16	Fri 1/17	Sat 1/18	Sun 1/19	Mon 1/20	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	1	1	0	2	4
Claims	1	1	6	3	1	12	40
Disqualification s	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	0	1	4
Refunds	5	6	5	0	7	23	81
Rulings	0	1	1	1	1	4	25
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

JH/DD